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Education

2014–2020	University of California, Los Angeles PhD, Linguistics Thesis: Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases [link] Committee: Dylan Bumford (co-chair), Yael Sharvit (co-chair), Tim Hunter, Jessica Rett, and Bernhard Schwarz (McGill University)
2012–2014	McGill University MA, Linguistics Thesis: On aspectual morphology in Tagalog Committee: Lisa Travis and Jessica Coon
2008–2012	University of Toronto Honours BA, Linguistics (specialist) and Latin (minor)

Research

† = first author – otherwise, equal contributions

Refereed publications

2021	On the presuppositional strength of interrogative clauses with Yael Sharvit <i>Natural Language Semantics</i> . https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-020-09169-5
2020	Alternative interrogatives and Negative Polarity Items with Yael Sharvit <i>Snippets</i> 38. 1–3. http://dx.doi.org/10.7358/snipp-2020-038-aash
2019	<i>Know whether</i> and <i>ever</i> free-relative clauses <i>Semantics and Pragmatics</i> 12(19). 1–46. https://doi.org/10.3765/sp.12.19
2013	Ergativity with Jessica Coon [†] In Mark Aronoff (ed.), <i>Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics</i> , New York, NY: Oxford University Press. http://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199772810-0132

Proceedings papers

2020	<i>Interesting</i> interrogatives In Michael Franke, Nikola Kompa, Mingya Liu, Jutta L. Mueller, & Juliane Schwab (eds.) <i>Sinn und Bedeutung</i> 24, 1–16. Osnabrück: Osnabrück University. [link]
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- 2019 *Surprising*
In Richard Stockwell, Maura O’Leary, Zhongshi Xu, & Z.L. Zhou (eds.) *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36*, 41–47. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. [\[link\]](#)
- 2016 On root modality and thematic relations in Tagalog and English
with Nikos Angelopoulos
In Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, & Dan Burgdorf (eds.) *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*, 775–794. LSA and CLC Publications. <https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v26i0.3810>

Refereed presentations

- 2020 On the semantic effects of noun-adjective order in Italian
with Iara Mantenuto
Poster at *Sensus*, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2019 *Ever* free-relative clauses and Maximize Presupposition
Talk at *North East Linguistic Society 50*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Interesting* interrogatives
Talk at *Sinn und Bedeutung 24*, University of Osnabrück.
- How the modal and non-modal implications of Tagalog free relatives emerge
with James Collins[†]
Talk at *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 26*, University of Western Ontario.
- 2018 Domain uniformity in questions
with Yael Sharvit
Talk at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2018 *Surprising*
Poster at *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36*, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2017 Subjectivity and necessity
with Nikos Angelopoulos
Poster at *Generative Linguistics in the Old World 40*, Leiden University.
- 2016 On root modality and thematic relations in Tagalog and English
with Nikos Angelopoulos
Poster at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*, The University of Texas at Austin.
- On root modality and grammatical relations in Tagalog
with Nikos Angelopoulos
Talk at *Berkeley Linguistics Society 42*, University of California, Berkeley.

- 2015 Defeasible endpoints in Tagalog
Poster at *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 22*, McGill University.
- 2013 Individual and event existentials in Tagalog
Talk at *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 20*, The University of Texas at Arlington.

Other presentations

- 2020 Ignorance-implicating definites
Invited colloquium talk at Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2020 Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases
Invited colloquium talk at Department of Linguistics, Tel Aviv University.
- 2019 Expressing knowledge and ignorance
Invited colloquium talk (final dissertation presentation) at Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2017 Scalar NPIs in questions
Invited seminar talk at Language, Logic, and Cognition Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2016 Scalar NPIs in embedded questions
Non-refereed poster at *MIT Workshop on Exhaustivity*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Teaching

Instructor

- Spring 2021 Semantics I
University of California, Los Angeles
- Semantics II
University of California, Los Angeles
- Summer 2020 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis
University of California, Los Angeles
- Introduction to College English
George Brown College (Toronto, ON)
- Winter 2020 Introduction to College English
George Brown College (Toronto, ON)
- Summer 2018 Semantics I
University of California, Los Angeles

Summer 2017 Semantics I
University of California, Los Angeles

Teaching assistant

Spring 2020 Introduction to the Study of Language
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Harold Torrence

Summer 2019 Introduction to the Study of Language
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Harold Torrence

Winter 2018 Introduction to the Study of Language
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Harold Torrence

Fall 2017 Semantics I
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Ethan Poole

Spring 2016 Syntactic Typology and Universals
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Tim Stowell

Winter 2016 Semantics I
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Kristen Greer

Fall 2015 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor: Bruce Hayes

Fall 2013 Introduction to Linguistics
McGill University
Instructor: Jessica Coon

Grants and awards

2018–2019 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division

2018 Mellon-EPIC Fellow in Teaching Excellence, UCLA Humanities Division

2014–2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship (awarded as Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship)

2014–2015 Welton Graduate Fellowship, UCLA Humanities Division

2013–2014	McCall MacBain Fellowship, Faculty of Arts, McGill University
2012–2013	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship, Master’s level
2012	Simeon Heman Janes Silver Medal in Linguistics graduating award, University of Toronto
2009–2010	D.O. Robson scholarship for languages and history, University of Toronto
2008–2010	University of Toronto Scholar in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences award

Other

Non-degree study

2016–2017	Hebrew University of Jerusalem Visiting student researcher with Luka Crnić
July 2016	Rutgers University North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI)
July 2015	Masaryk University Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) summer school

Research assistantships

Spring 2016	Assisted Yael Sharvit with data collection for paper on tense semantics.
Summer 2013	Visited the University of the Philippines Diliman in Manila for two months to meet with students who acted as consultants on Philippine languages for “The mental representation of language variation: macro- and micro-parameters” SSHRC project (PIs: Lisa Travis and Jessica Coon).
Summer 2012	Assisted Jessica Coon with research and writing of ergativity bibliography in <i>Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics</i> series.

Reading group involvement

2015-2020	Regular SemanticsTea presenter and occasional organizer University of California, Los Angeles
2012-2014	Ergativity Lab reading group member McGill University

Reviewing

2020	<i>Natural Language Semantics, Sinn und Bedeutung</i>
2018	<i>West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics</i>

Languages

English (native); Hebrew (heritage fluent); Tagalog (heritage intermediate); Efik, Twic East Dinka, Ilokano, Kapampangan (elicitation with language consultants); Latin (intermediate reading)